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A COMMUNICATION SWITCH

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action of December 10, 2003, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has allowed claims 24-27. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-21. The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 10, 22, and 23. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending claims 1-23.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sakamoto et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,075,767. Regarding claims 1 and 15, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant submits the Examiner mischaracterizes the present invention as set forth in claims 1 and 15, stating, "...which provides egress data from the corresponding output to the first and second line cards based on routing information included in the egress data...." For example, claim 1 has been previously amended to read, "wherein the router uses routing information included in the egress data from the corresponding output to determine to which among the following group the egress data is provided: the first line card, the second line card, and both the first and the second line cards." As another example, claim 15 has been previously amended to read, "...wherein the router provides egress data from each output of the corresponding portion of the plurality of outputs to at